

QUILTING BEES OF MURFREESBORO

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
1267 N. Rutherford Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37130
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Our Guild has been very busy in the last quarter with preparations for Assembly Day, as well as classes, demonstrations, and a trunk show.

In March, we were privileged to host the Music City Modern Quilters, who showed us a unique perspective on their creative processes. After sharing several examples of their works, we were treated to a workshop where we learned how to challenge our traditional methods to create something very different. It was quite interesting to see the different interpretations of our assignment from our members.

In April, we learned about color theory by Denise Dacus of Mavanell Studio. We were given various swatches of material and asked to group them in different combinations according to the color wheel. Many of us saw possibilities we would have never imagined, and we came away with a new tool in our fabric selection process. Denise will be a vendor at Assembly Day.

In May, our Vice President, Susie Gortmaker, treated us to a class in string piecing, using scraps from our collective stashes. Many of us finished more than one block, which can be used as a foundation for an entire quilt. What a fun way to use up scraps!

In June, Glynda Hylton shared several methods for making HSTs and flying geese. There are several cheat sheets out on the web that explain how to make multiple pieces at a time. Though math is a big part of getting these right, the cheat sheets really help. When a pattern calls for several pieces of these, the cutting guides help to streamline the process.

One of our most exciting events is coming next week. We will be participating in a Shop Hop in Chattanooga, and we plan to visit five shops. We will have forty participants who will travel in carpools. There will be a bingo game, where we will be looking for items on the road, as well as items in the shops we will visit. Everyone will have a passport they need to get stamped at each store, and there will be drawings for those who participate. Each of the prizes was purchased from the shops we are visiting during a reconnaissance visit the Committee made in preparation for this fun event. Everyone is excited, and we are looking forward to some great fun.

We're coming into the final stretch before Assembly Day, and everything has been going quite smoothly. We have an excellent team that has done a phenomenal job in their respective areas of responsibility. We have twenty-four vendors and about three hundred attendees, so we are looking forward to a fantastic day. We are excited to host this annual event and honored to be your host. See you on July 12 in Murfreesboro.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Tessmer, Secretary, Quilting Bees